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**MULTIPLE ROCKET LAUNCHER M-1979
PRODUCTION FACILITY
BACAU AIRFRAME PLANT, ROMANIA**

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1. (S/D) **SIGNIFICANCE:** THIS PLANT HAS BEEN IDENTIFIED AS THE PRODUCTION FACILITY FOR THE ROMANIAN MULTIPLE ROCKET LAUNCHER (MRL) M-1979.

2. (S/D) **REMARKS:** THIRTY-SIX ROMANIAN MULTIPLE ROCKET LAUNCHERS M-1979 AND SIXTEEN 5-TON DAC-665-T TRUCKS (USED AS THE CHASSIS FOR THE M-1979 MRL) WERE AT BACAU AIRFRAME PLANT

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THE M-1979 IS A 40-ROUND 122MM MRL FIRST IDENTIFIED WITH ROMANIAN ARMY UNITS IN 1981. TWENTY-NINE OF THE M-1979 MRL AND TWO OF THE DAC-665-T CHASSIS WERE UNPAINTED. THE REMAINDER OF THE VEHICLES APPEARED TO BE IN DARK-TONED MILITARY PAINT. THE VEHICLES WERE ON A PARKING APRON NEAR THE FINAL ASSEMBLY BUILDING. THE LARGE NUMBER OF M-1979 MRL AND THE FACT THAT MANY WERE UNPAINTED INDICATES THAT SERIES PRODUCTION/ASSEMBLY OF THIS ROMANIAN ROCKET LAUNCHER IS UNDERWAY AT BACAU.

(S/D) 12 M-1979 MRL (TEN CANVAS-COVERED) AND TWO PROBABLE M-1979 MRL WERE PRESENT. TEN CANVAS-COVERED M-1979 MRL HAD ALSO BEEN PRESENT THE DAC-665-T CHASSIS HAS BEEN PRESENT SINCE MID-1979.

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(S/D) BACAU HAD PREVIOUSLY ASSEMBLED OR PRODUCED THE ROMANIAN MRL, M-1974. THESE WERE LAST AT BACAU IN AUGUST 1979, WHEN FOUR WERE OBSERVED.

(S/D) BACAU AIRFRAME PLANT PRESENTLY ASSEMBLES/PRODUCES THE IAR-52 (SOVIET YAK-52), OTHER AIRCRAFT COMPONENTS, AND SERVES AS AN AIRCRAFT REPAIR BASE FOR THE ROMANIAN AIR FORCE.

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